Troops to Teachers: Service After the Military

With 33 state Troops to Teachers (TTT) offices nationwide offering placement assistance in 45 participating states, many Sailors are turning to teaching as a post-military career.

Many Sailors already qualify to become a vocational/technical teacher, and Sailors with a baccalaureate degree or higher are eligible to begin the teaching certification process to become an academic subject teacher.

TTT Offices can assist
Sailors with state certification requirements, and Sailors can take advantage of the TTT Web site,
www.ProudToServeAgain.com, to correspond with representatives and receive alternative certification information.
Sailors in overseas locations may benefit from an Alternative Certification Program (ACP) since this method offers online courses to obtain the teaching certification.

The program has recruited more than 6,000 military members since 1994 and established a good reputation for the program with school administrators and principals. A recent survey found 75 percent of former military teachers ranked above average and higher.

Teaching positions are available at the elementary, middle and high school levels in suburban, small towns, rural and inner-city areas, with a higher demand for math, science and special education teachers.

Sailors can consult their TTT representative on job availability or check the Department of Education Web site at www.teachers-teachers.com. The Web site lists teaching vacancies for each state.

